

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor, wherein a solid electrolytic capacitor element comprises an anode body composed of a material containing at least one member selected from a group consisting of an earth-acid metal, an alloy comprising an earth-acid metal as the main component, an electrically conducting oxide of an earth-acid metal and a mixture of two or more thereof, a dielectric layer formed on the anode body by electrolytic oxidation (electrochemical formation) and comprising an oxide as the main component, a semiconductor layer formed on the dielectric layer, and an electrically conducting layer stacked on the semiconductor layer, and the solid electrolytic capacitor element is subjected to molding with a resin, curing and then voltage applying (aging) treatment, which method comprises repeating a step of leaving the resin-molded body to stand at a temperature of 225 to 305°C and a step of aging it are sequentially repeated twice or more after the above steps of molding with resin and curing.

2. (original): The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of leaving the resin-molded body to stand at a temperature of 225 to 305°C is a step of performing the standing at a temperature of 225 to 305°C multiple times.

3. (original): The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aging step after leaving the resin-molded body to stand at a temperature of 225 to 305°C is a step of cooling the resin-molded body to a temperature of 200°C or less to cold-resistance temperature of the capacitor and then applying a voltage.

4. (previously presented): The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the earth-acid metal is tantalum.

5. (previously presented): The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the earth-acid metal is niobium.

6. (previously presented): The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electrically conducting oxide of an earth-acid metal is niobium oxide.

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).